

# The Romulus News

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## Timely Tidbits ...

### Shelter Fund-raiser

Councilman Bill Wadsworth is urging fellow animal-lovers to raise money for a new City animal shelter the enjoyable way: by dining on delicious Tex-Mex fare at the Rio Bravo restaurant, located at 23301 Eureka Road between Telegraph and Pardee.

Just stop in on Thursday, May 29, between 12 and 9 p.m., and tell your server that you're there to support the Romulus Animal Shelter. As easily as that, you'll be contributing 20% of your total bill to a very worthy cause.

### Join Neighbors To Make a Clean Sweep

Councilman LeRoy Burcroff and his colleagues in city government are asking Romulus residents to take part in the annual "Clean Sweep" program, set for Saturday, May 17. Participants may opt to clean up an area in their own neighborhood, or head up to the City Hall parking lot (located at Wayne and Goddard roads) between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. to receive a cleaning "assignment" and, if needed, supplies such as trash bags and work gloves. Local businesses, civic groups, churches, and youth groups are especially welcome! For more info, call Mayor Alan R. Lambert: 734-942-7571.

### Free Dumping

Romulus residents are invited to take advantage of the City's annual free dumping program, set for May 17-24 (excluding May 18). See the Community Calendar on page 13 for further details.

### Rummage Sale Set for May 29 to June 1

Romulus's annual City-wide Rummage Sale will begin Thursday, May 29, and continue through Sunday, June 1. (If two or more dates are rained out, the event will be rescheduled for the following weekend: June 5-8.) For a list of more than 90 households and organizations participating in the event, see page 11. □

## Bales Is "Women Who Make Magic" Finalist

What goes around, comes around – and if you're Romulus resident Carole Bales, that's a good thing.

Because of her selfless dedication to improving the lives of others, Bales has been chosen as a finalist in Magic 105.1 FM's "Women Who Make Magic" contest. The executive secretary to Romulus Community Schools superintendent Joel R. Carr was nominated for the honor by fellow district employee Paula Smith, athletic department secretary.

Over the years, Bales's efforts to bring happiness to friends, colleagues, and complete strangers have taken many forms. When she was a secretary at Wick Elementary School, for instance, she purchased craft supplies for students and stayed after school to help them create holiday gifts for family members. She's also known for doing special things for local senior citizens, often making cheerful gift baskets for them. Bales has given generously to many students from financially disadvantaged families, purchasing school supplies, clothing, and shoes, and she's usually among the first to donate to fund-raisers and community organizations.

As the leader of the "Fishettes" – a group of administrative secretaries who introduced district staff members and students to the now-famous "Fish!"

motivational program – Bales exemplifies all four of the philosophy's basic tenets. The success she has achieved by tackling the toughest jobs with enthusiasm and a positive outlook has been a graphic illustration of the importance of "choosing your attitude," and her wonderful imagination and sense of humor make her a natural at "play." Bales is an innately people-oriented person, so she finds it easy to give others her undivided attention and "be there" for them, and she's always "making someone's day" by recognizing fellow district employees at programs such as staff meetings, luncheons, and school assemblies.

In fact, the Fishettes' special presentations have been such a hit that the group has received numerous invitations to share its philosophy with other educators at the local, state, and national level.

Bales has also demonstrated a real commitment to her community, serving on many committees and working with the Methodist church. She and her husband, former Board of Education president Dan Bales, have spent countless hours organizing support campaigns for various school millage and bond proposals. Her dedication to education has had a profound effect on both the Romulus Community Schools and her own



Carole Bales

college-graduate children: Bob and Brian Bales and Becky Bales Montroy.

On Thursday, June 5, Magic 105.1 FM will host a gala luncheon at the Andiamo Italia restaurant in Warren to honor the 30 finalists in their "Women Who Make Magic" contest and announce the winner. Governor Jennifer Granholm will be on hand to welcome the honorees and present an all-expenses-paid trip for two to Puerto Vallarta, courtesy of Funjet Vacations, to a finalist drawing winner. □

## Romulus Hosts Special Education Workshop

The Romulus Community Schools – long noted for its outstanding special-education program – recently hosted a workshop for parents of special-education students. Jeffrey Royal, director of special services, welcomed the attendees during a dinner that preceded the evening program.

The workshop's agenda included a wide variety of discussion topics, including behavior management (led by Pat Flodin, social worker at Halecreek Elementary School), student learning styles (led by Susan Mitchell, social worker at Barth Elementary), and transitions to the world of work (led by Winifred Wafer, special-education teacher at Romulus High School).

Parents also heard from several special-education advocates. Theresa Beard, the elementary parent representative from the Romulus school district, explained her role on the Wayne County

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Workshop participants included: (from left) front – Winifred Wafer (special-education teacher, Romulus High School), Susan Mitchell (social worker, Barth Elementary), and Patty Stewart (secondary parent advocate); middle – Susan Fayad (assistant, Citizens Alliance to Uphold Special Education), Alfaye Woods (representative, Michigan Rehabilitation Services), and Niema White (trustee, Board of Education); back – Martha Wilson (director, CAUSE), Pat Flodin (social worker, Halecreek Elementary), Kristen Cope (representative, Parent Support and Advocacy Program), Theresa Beard (elementary parent advocate), and Mary Stewart (student, RHS).

## Letters to the Editor

### Alumni Donate \$1,734 to Historical Society



Joanne Whaley (second from left), representative for Romulus High School Reunion for the '50s, presented a check for \$1,734 to Romulus Historical Society president Gerald Wendland. Also present for the special occasion were Romulus Historical Museum director Pearl Varner (left) and Historical Society treasurer Gloria Chandler.

To the Editor:

The Romulus Historical Society was pleased to receive a check in the amount of \$1,734 from the original Romulus High School reunion for the '50s. Joanne Whaley, representative for the Reunion for the '50s, presented the check to Society president Gerald Wendland at the historic Kingsley house. Society treasurer Gloria Chandler and I were also present for the special occasion.

The Society will use this donation to purchase furnishings for the interior of the Kingsley house, as requested.

Due to the fact that the donation was \$500 or more, the group's name will be placed on the plaque now hanging in the Kingsley house. This plaque is an ongoing project of the Society. Anyone can donate \$500 or more to the Romulus Historical Society and have their name or company name placed on a plate to be added to the plaque. (You are allowed two lines and a set number of letters.) Currently, we have 18 spaces left for donors. The funds collected will be used for the museum, Kingsley house, or Peter C. Bird house projects.

If you would like to make a donation, call 734-697-9628 or stop by the museum any Sunday between 1 and 4 p.m. The museum is located next to the post office in downtown Romulus.

#### RUMMAGE SALE

Sat., May 24th • Sun., May 25th  
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

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Again, we would like to thank the Romulus High School Reunion for the '50s for their generous contribution.

Sincerely,  
Pearl Varner, director  
Romulus Historical Museum

#### Well-wishers Thanked

To the Editor:

As many people know, I recently had hip replacement surgery and have now begun what I believe to be a very successful recovery. Upon my surgery and those very difficult days immediately following, numerous friends, colleagues, and supporters called with get-well wishes and sent cards or flowers. Their kind words and acts touched me deeply. I would, therefore, like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude and appreciation to everyone for showing me such kindness and concern, and for their continued thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely,  
Raymond E. Basham  
State Senator for the 8th District

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## RHS Grad Steven Mientkiewicz Receives "Golden Key" Honors

The Golden Key International Honour Society at Eastern Michigan University recently recognized Steven Mientkiewicz, a member of Romulus High School's Class of 2000, for his top-15% academic class standing at EMU.

"It is only fitting that a high academic achiever like Steven be recognized by the Golden Key," said Alexander D. Perwich II, executive director of the non-profit society, which provides academic recognition, leadership opportunities, community service, career networking, and scholarships at over 300 chapters worldwide. "Golden Key members are inspired and motivated by the challenge not only to be recognized for their outstanding accomplishments, but also to make a positive impact on our world through the Society's commitment to service."

Mientkiewicz earned an EMU Regents Scholarship with a high scholarship test score during his senior year at Romulus High School, and has retained the award by maintaining a 3.5+ grade point average each semester through his first three years of college.

Mientkiewicz – also a 2002 initiate of the Kappa Delta Pi international educational fraternity and president of the Lambda Phi chapter of the national coed



RHS grad Steven Mientkiewicz was recognized by the Golden Key International Honour Society.

service society, Alpha Phi Omega – is currently employed by the Romulus Community Schools as a video technician, working on the district's community presentations on cable channel 19. He is the son of Romulus Board of Education trustee Kenneth Mientkiewicz, a former high-school guidance counselor for the Wayne-Westland school district, and Bonnie Mientkiewicz, a former teacher at Barth Elementary School. □

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## Merriman School's Kindergartners, First-graders Exceed Reading Goals



Twenty-four kindergartners and first-graders at Merriman Elementary exceeded principal Shellie Moore's goal of reading 25 books during the school's recent celebration of National Reading Month. This precocious group included: (from left) front – Victoria Lewis, Elwin Ready, Erasmo Sanchez, Akira Battle, Nikol Ray, and Ashleigh Blair; second – Sarah Knick, Matthew Freeman, Anthony Godbott, Dominic Cole, Angela Day, and Malik Carter; third – Chandler Smith, Kelly Sutton, Jessica New, Rachel Montgomery, and Shanya Sturdivant; back – Ashley Luttmann, Jerry Golden, Andrew Gula, Taylor Cobb, Drew Wilkerson, Nickolas Bovitz, and Charles Roach.

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## THURSDAY, MAY 22

- **Carnival Opens** (4:00 p.m. - Close)
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- **Princess Pageant** (7:00 p.m.)
- **Beer Tent Opens** (6:00 p.m. - 10:30 p.m.)

## FRIDAY, MAY 23

- **Carnival Opens** (4:00 p.m. - Close)
- **Bingo** (4:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.)
- **Beer Tent** (4:00 p.m. - Close)
- **Mechanical Bull Riding** (4:00 p.m. - Close)
- **Magical Act** (6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.)
- **Trilogy- Classic Rock Band** (7:00 p.m. - 12:00 Midnight)

## SATURDAY, MAY 24

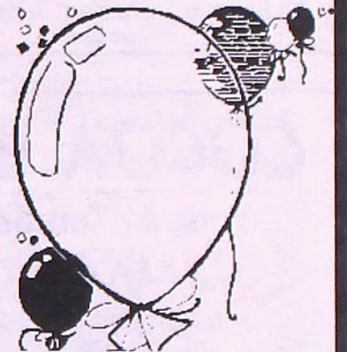
- **Memorial Parade** (12:00 Noon)
- **Carnival** (12:00 Noon - Close)
- **Mechanical Bull Riding** (12:00 Noon - Close)
- **Beer Tent** (12:00 Noon - Close)
- **Bingo** (4:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.)
- **Joel Tacy - Magic & Juggling** (2:30 p.m. / 3:30 p.m. / 5:00 p.m.)
- **Todd Rooster - Country Band** (3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.)
- **Bronc-n-Bull Mania** (Arena / 7:00 p.m.)
- **Cedar Creek - Country Band** (8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.)
- **Dewayne Spaw - from Nashville Tennessee** (10:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.)
- **Cedar Creek - Country Band** (11:00 p.m. - Close)

## SUNDAY, MAY 25

- **Carnival** (12:00 Noon - Close)
- **Mechanical Bull Riding** (12:00 Noon - Close)
- **Beer Tent** (12:00 Noon - Close)
- **Car Show** (12:00 Noon)
- **Chris Linn Magic** (2:00 p.m. / 3:00 p.m. / 5:00 p.m.)
- **Joel Tacy - Magic & Juggling** (5:30 p.m. / 6:30 p.m. / 8:00 p.m.)
- **Bingo** (4:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.)
- **Tribute to the Legends** (3:00 p.m. - 12:00 Midnight)  
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- **Fireworks - Sponsored by Republic Waste** (Dusk)

## MONDAY, MAY 26

- **Carnival** (12:00 Noon - 10:00 p.m.)
- **Mechanical Bull Riding** (12:00 Noon - 10:00 p.m.)
- **Beer Tent** (12:00 Noon - 10:00 p.m.)
- **Silent Auction** (1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.) Winning Bids Announced at 5:00 p.m.
- **Baby Contest** (1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.) Winner Announced at 5:00 p.m.
- **Bingo** (4:00 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.)
- **Joel Tacy - Magic & Juggling** (2:30 p.m. / 3:30 p.m. / 5:00 p.m.)
- **USA Demolition Derby** (7:00 p.m.)
- **Outer Limits - Country Rock Band** (6:00 p.m. to Close)
- **Festival Closes** (10:00 p.m.)



## Prom, Graduation Dates Announced

With the end of the 2002–2003 school year rapidly approaching, Don Foley, assistant principal at Romulus High School, has compiled the following list of special events for parents of graduating seniors.

- **Prom Toast**  
(Wednesday, June 4, from 6 to 7 p.m., in the Romulus High School atrium);
- **Senior Prom**  
(Wednesday, June 4, from 7:30 p.m. to midnight, at the Dearborn Inn);
- **Senior Luncheon**  
(Friday, June 6, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at the Double Tree Hotel); and

- **Commencement**  
(Saturday, June 7, beginning at 10 a.m., in the Romulus High School field house).

Foley asks parents to note that admission to commencement will be by ticket only. All parents and guests are to be seated no later than 9:30 a.m. Late arrivals will not be seated when it is disruptive to the quality of the ceremony.

A professional photographer will be taking pictures, and a videotape of the ceremony will be available for purchase.

Questions about any of the above events may be directed to Foley at 734-532-1014. □

## Romulus Teams with WMU on \$112,000 Mentoring Program

Tom Dolan, curriculum director for the Romulus Community Schools, has announced that the district will be teaming up with Western Michigan University to work on a mentorship program during the 2003–2004 school year. The project – intended to help experienced teacher-mentors do a better job of assisting new teachers as they enter their educational careers – will be funded by a \$112,000 grant. Michigan law requires that new teachers receive mentorship training during the early years of their teaching careers.

Dr. Cynthia Holderson, an education department professor at WMU, recently visited the Romulus school district to interview a number of teacher-mentors about a workshop that Western presented last fall. She asked them whether or not the program had met

their expectations, and if it had helped them with their mentoring work.

Holderson also interviewed the new teachers being mentored by their more experienced colleagues, and sought their suggestions regarding possible improvements to the mentoring program.

The grant-funded mentoring program represents the second significant cooperative effort between the Romulus Community Schools and Western Michigan University. Western is already working with the district on a successful student-teaching program that brought 23 interns to either Halecreek Elementary or Romulus High School during the 2003–2004 school year.

"Our continued association with Western Michigan University is a note of pride and prestige for the Romulus Community Schools," said Dolan. □



Dr. Cynthia Holderson (center) of Western Michigan University recently interviewed a number of Romulus teachers – including Karensa Fitch (left) and Heather Doane of Merriman Elementary – in preparation for a joint WMU–Romulus mentoring program for the 2003–2004 school year.

## Student Teachers from WMU Enjoy Experience at Halecreek



WMU students who did their student-teaching assignments at Halecreek Elementary School this spring included (from left) Kristen Allred, Allison Loney, Bethany Matthews, Amy McKerracher, and April Fornwalt.

All five Western Michigan University students who completed student-teaching requirements at Halecreek Elementary School this spring declared that their time in Romulus was a very positive experience.

A total of 23 WMU students completed their teaching internships here during the course of the school year, either at Halecreek (one of two WMU-affiliated elementaries in eastern Michigan) or at Romulus High School (the local secondary training site).

"We're very proud of the association we have developed with Western Michigan University, and of the enthusiastic reception given to interns by our district's teachers," said Tom Dolan, curriculum director for the Romulus Community Schools. "Student teachers can add a lot to the educational process and serve as role models for the children."

The spring class included:

- Kristen Allred – who worked with first-grade teacher Candy Walters – is a graduate of Woodhaven High

School, where she was a member of both the swim team and the cheerleading squad.

- Allison Loney – who worked with second-grade teacher Sandy Godbout – graduated from Garden City High School, where she was a member of the National Honor Society and the Spanish Club.
- Bethany Matthews – who worked with fifth-grade teacher Jason Salhaney – is an alumna of Plymouth Canton High School, where she was active in choir and theater programs.
- Amy McKerracher – who worked with fifth-grade teacher Kristen Fuss – graduated from John Glenn High School, where she was a member of the dance team.
- April Fornwalt – who worked with kindergarten teacher Cathy Kudra – is a graduate of Ypsilanti High School, where she was involved with the drama and orchestra programs, as well as the softball team and the cheerleading squad.

## Special Education Workshop for Parents

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Regional Educational Service Agency's Parent Advisory Board and her ability to bring up Romulus parents' concerns during the Board's monthly meetings. Romulus secondary parent advocate Patty Stewart talked about her role in helping parents and their children connect with various programs for special-education students in the world of post-graduation education and employment.

Members of special-education advocacy groups gave highlights of their services. The Citizens Alliance to Uphold Special Education (CAUSE), represented by director Martha Wilson and her assistant, Susan Fayad, covered topics such as "What is an individual education program, and what are my

IEP rights?" as well as "Where can I go for more help, and what are related services for children with disabilities?" and "What if I disagree with the school system?"

The Parent Support and Advocacy Program, represented by Kristen Cope, presented information on her group's assistance to parents of children with developmental disabilities. Cope explained how special-needs children can best be served by clinics, hospitals, and local educational programs.

Alfaye Woods of Michigan Rehabilitation Services concluded the program by discussing the services that her organization provides to help post-secondary students achieve an independent life-style. □

## "Students of the Month" Recognized

A total of 39 Romulus High School students earned "Student of the Month" accolades for March 2003. The students – selected by their teachers for displaying behavioral and academic excellence – were recognized during a brief ceremony held in their honor on April 9. Each received a certificate of achievement and, thanks to local sponsors, a \$50 U.S. savings bond.

Congratulations to the following "Student of the Month" honorees:

### March "Students of the Month"

Paul Adkins, Jazmine Bennett, James Blanton, William Boddie, Kenneth Booker, Matthew Brown, Chrystal Coleman, Kimberly Cotton, Robert Crawford, Christopher Culver, Mario Edwards, Tia Flemings, Sarah Gray, Rick Hadyniak, Brandi Hamilton, Kelly Hardway, Megan Hatcher, Emily Hornfeld, Bethany Hotchkiss, Michael Hudson, Garrett Hulet, Robert Koss, Ronald Kreutzer, Melody McAdoo, Joshua Nichols, Thomas Rutherford, William Schauer, Crystal Scott, Jessica Sears, Briana Smith, Casey Stevenson, Tiffany Terry, Miranda Ward, Kelli Weimer, Natalie Wheat, Leo Williams, Kimberly Wilson, and Audrey Yates.

Don Foley, assistant principal at Romulus High School, would also like to thank the following "partners in education" for their generous donation of U.S. savings bonds to the "Student of the Month" program.

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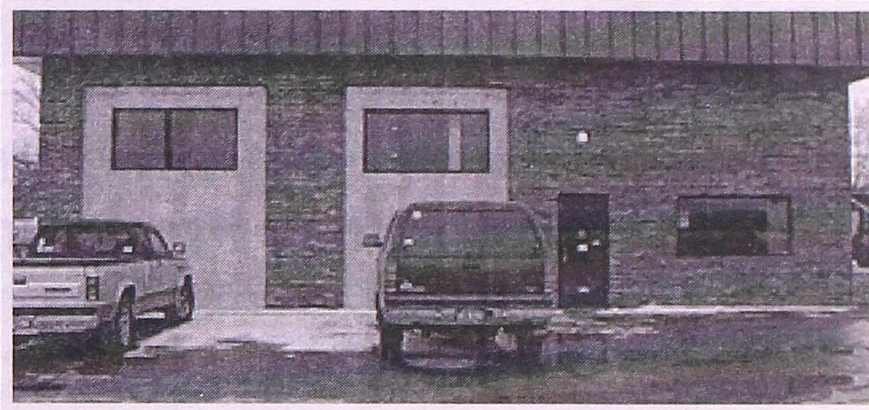
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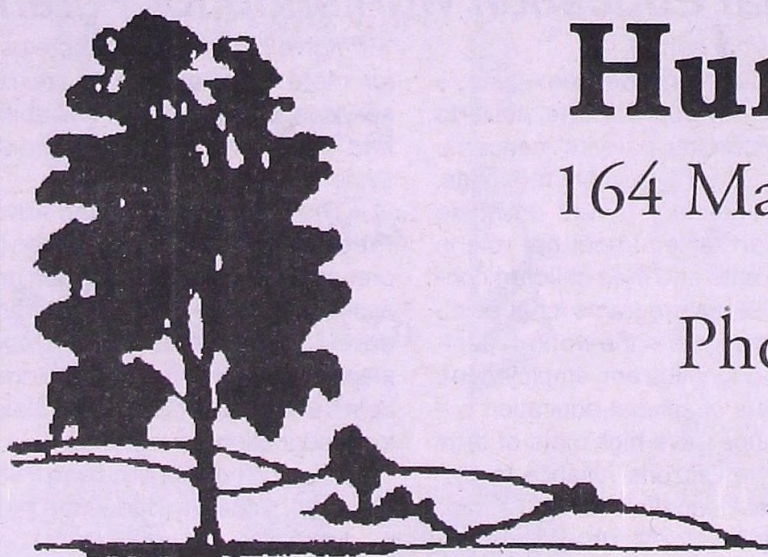
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### OLD GLORY GLOSSARY

**Flag Code:** U.S. code that provides guidelines for flag etiquette, use and display.

**Union:** White stars on the field of blue.

**Flag's own right:** The "right" as the position of honor originates from a time when the right hand was the weapon hand – or a point of danger. The right hand, to an observer, is the observer's left. Therefore, as used in the Flag Code, the flag and / or flag's union is displayed to the observer's left, which is the flag's own right.

**Half-staff:** Position of the flag when it is at one-half the distance between the top and bottom of the staff. To place a flag at half-staff, it should first be hoisted to the peak for an instant, then lowered to its position. A flag at half-staff indicates that the nation mourns the death of an individual or a group.

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- New Year's Day
- Inauguration Day
- Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday
- Lincoln's Birthday
- Washington's Birthday
- Easter Sunday
- Mother's Day
- Armed Forces Day
- Memorial Day\*
- Flag Day
- Independence Day
- Labor Day
- Constitution Day
- Columbus Day
- Navy Day
- Veterans Day
- Thanksgiving Day
- Christmas Day
- Any day proclaimed by the President of the United States
- Anniversaries of states' admission to the Union
- State Holidays

\***Half-staff:** The flag should be displayed in this position from sunrise until noon on Memorial Day. Other occasions to place the flag at half-staff include:

- When proclaimed by the president or a governor
- For varying periods of time after the death of a national figure

### PERFECT POSITION

**Staff display:** When displayed from a staff projecting horizontally or at an angle from a window sill, balcony or front of a building, the union of the flag should be placed at the peak of the staff unless the flag is at half-staff.

**Display without a staff:** When displayed horizontally or vertically against a wall, the union should be uppermost and to the flag's own right.



In a window, the flag should be displayed for viewing from the street.



When suspended from a rope extending from a house to a pole, the flag should be hoisted out, union first, from the building.

**Night display:** A flag may be displayed 24 hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness.

Proper illumination includes a light placed specifically to illuminate the flag or a light source – such as a porch or street light – sufficient to make the flag recognizable as such by a casual observer.

**Display with other flags:** when other flags are flown on the same halyard as a U.S. Flag, the latter should always be at the peak. When flown from adjacent staffs, the U.S. Flag should be hoisted first and lowered last, with no other flag above it or to the flag's own right.

**Casket flags:** It is acceptable for a flag used to cover a casket to be used again for any proper display purpose after a funeral. It is, in fact, considered a fitting tribute to the memory of the deceased veteran and their service to a grateful nation.

**Folding:** The Flag Code does not specify how to fold the flag. The traditional method forms a triangle to symbolize the hat worn by Revolutionary War soldiers.

**Learn more:** The information on this page is only a small portion of the U.S. Flag Code as interpreted by the American division of The American Legion. For more information on flag etiquette, go to [www.legion.org/americanism/flagtoc.htm](http://www.legion.org/americanism/flagtoc.htm), or visit your local library.



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## Boys & Girls Club Staffers Honored



Romulus Boys & Girls Club staff members recently recognized for their superior service to the community included: (from left) front – Christopher Flores, Jacell Green, Cassie Dora, Daun Stevens, and Angelique Moss; back – Aaron Colston, Edward Peat, Bobby Lindsay, Sharon Mitchell, Dylan Brown, and Carrie Young.

## Students Send Care Packages

A group of Romulus High School students, under the direction of math teacher Kathy Abdo, is seeking donations of toiletries, snack foods, and other items to be used to make care packages for local men and women currently serving in the armed forces. Students have already made and sent 15 goody-filled shoe boxes, and they intend to send many more in the near future.

"We contacted the armed services and asked for the addresses of Romulus-area enlistees so that we could make their service time a little more bearable, especially for those located in Iraq and Afghanistan," Abdo explained. "We also received help from the community with regard to both names and addresses, as well as donations for the project."

Abdo – who noted that her students are following the armed services' suggestions for sending packages "to a tee" – said that the wide variety of items collected to date include shaving supplies, toothpaste and other oral-hygiene

products, deodorants, and lots of snacks. She indicated that her students would like to send at least 50 packages altogether – a goal that she believes can be attained with the community's continued support, which she said has been "just terrific" thus far.

Some recent RHS graduates who have received one of the students' special packages include Billy Chapman, Erin Jones, and Ryan Martell. Abdo said that she has already received thank-you notes from the recipients, who really appreciated receiving treats from – and being remembered by – the folks back home.

Abdo and her students are still accepting donations of toiletries, snacks, playing cards, books, and other items for their care-package project. Donations may be dropped off at the High School, located on Wayne Road just north of I-94, during regular school hours.

For more information, please call 734-532-1000. □



Romulus High School teacher Kathy Abdo (third from right) and several students – including (from left) Michael Sanders, Katie Appel, Ryan Goforth, Brittany Garrison, and Krystle McKay – are using community donations of toiletries and snacks to put together care packages for area residents in the armed services.

## 34th District Court Employees Take Daughters, Sons to Work

A packed agenda was the order of the day on Thursday, May 1, when the 34th District Court of Romulus celebrated the Ms. Foundation's "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work" day one week after the national observance on April 24. The program – previously called "Bring Your Child to Work Day" – encouraged boys and girls to create a more equitable future.

In all, 37 young visitors got a behind-the-scenes look at the civil, criminal/traffic, and probation departments of the court, which serves the cities of Belleville and Romulus as well as the townships of Huron, Sumpter, and Van Buren.

Following a continental breakfast in the break room, guests were welcomed by Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green. Although Judge Brian A. Oakley was confined to handling a busy docket in his courtroom, and Judge David M. Parrott was absent due to a death in the family, both were pleased at the court's participation in the observance.

"It was great that so many employees took this opportunity to show their kids how hard they work," said Parrott. "I'm sure the kids came away with some good ideas for career opportunities."

Al Hindman, director of security, showed visitors the facility's three courtrooms and its prisoner holding facility before turning them over to court officers Neil Jones, Dan Mefford, Bruce Preston, Dan Sanford, and Tom Schmidtke for a demonstration of the building's metal-detection equipment. Chief Judge Green accompanied Hindman on the tour of the holding facility.

"When that door slams, you don't want to be on the other side," she told the youngsters.

Afterward, the children rejoined their hosts for a chance to witness, firsthand, some of the duties performed on a typical day inside the court. There was a flurry of activity outside, too, as several police and fire officials came out to show off equipment and share experiences.

Romulus police officers Mike Grant and Cliff West let youngsters sit in their squad car and try out the siren.

- Firefighters Scott Ladach and Dan Perron displayed a Romulus fire truck.
- Lieutenant Ken Brooks of the Van Buren Police Department coordinated an impressive exhibit that featured officer Mark Buxton on a police motorcycle; a SWAT truck manned by the SWAT team's commander, Sergeant Greg Laurain, as well as police officer Mark Buckberry; and a Marine dive trailer walk-through conducted by detectives Mike Moening and Ken Floro.
- Through the efforts of Van Buren Fire Chief Al Smolen, several firefighters – including Lieutenant David McNally, Danny Wilson, and Seth Keinglass – brought a fire truck and fire smokehouse (on loan from Belleville, Sumpter, and Van Buren) for a fire-safety display, which proved to be one of the most popular exhibits.

During a lunch break of pizza, salad, and pop, Judge Green presented the visitors with certificates of participation and also handed out souvenir bags (purchased by court employees) containing coloring books, crayons, and handcuffs, as well as a GREAT (Gang Resistance Education and Training) T-shirt from Huron Township's DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) officer, Keith Nickrand. Joining the group was McGruff, the crime-fighting dog, who mingled with the crowd and posed for photographs.

Following lunch, Executive Lieutenant Thomas V. Mitchell, bomb squad commander with the Wayne County Airport Police Department, spoke with the visitors, citing current safety concerns and the precautions that are being taken to address them.

Later, Sergeant Robert Dawson of the Belleville Police Department commented on values and morals, and discussed how youngsters cope with these issues today.

"The society in which we live seems to be going to a point where, if it's not mine, what do I care," said Dawson. "I'm telling you, you need to start caring."

Also among the day's highlights was a demonstration showcasing the extraor-

dinary talents of area canine officers. Terry and Diane Shoenback, owners of the K-9 Academy in Romulus, were there with their dogs, "Judge" and "Jury." They were joined by Van Buren officers Ken Toney, with "Harley," and Mike Eggleton, with "Major," as well as Romulus officers Don Leonard, with "Smokey," and Darrin Wright, with "Bandit."

"It was really wonderful to see so many youngsters visiting our court," said Chief Judge Green. "I hope that they came away with a greater understanding of the judicial system and its many components."

Judge Oakley, who was able to take a short break from his busy schedule to visit with the youngsters, said he was very pleased with the court staff's participation in the program, adding, "I was also delighted at the positive response we received from members of the public who were at the court on Thursday."

Participants in the program included:

- Marianne Angers's son, Alex De-Backer;
- Kim Carr's sons, Jonathan and Matthew Carr;
- Melissa Chapp's daughter, Jerilyn Chapp, and niece, Ashley Chapp;
- Tracie Coffee's sons, Joey and Matthew Coffee; and
- Sandy Crout's granddaughters, Savannah and Miranda Moffat;

- Carol Greca's children, Alex and Te'a Greca;
- Tina Brooks Green's sons, Joshua and Zachary;
- Michelle Johnson's son, Tyler Johnson;
- Mike Lamerato's children, Erik, Holly, and Johnathan Olson;
- Kim Martin's son, Jeffrey Martin;
- Heather Mortzfield sons, Cody and Cory Mortzfield;
- Yahmi Nundley's nephew, Damien Harris;
- Brian A. Oakley's daughter, Cheyenne Oakley;
- Jacqueline Peagler's grandchildren, Shantrice Tatum, Donald Myles Jr., and Aaron Myles.
- Boots Pond's granddaughter, Paige Wallace;
- Virginia Randolph's daughter, Jessica Taylor;
- Jerry Rohn's daughter, Rachel Rohn;
- Melinda Shearrer's niece, Elizabeth Lewis;
- Art Silkowski's children, Hunter and Madison Silkowski;
- Dawn Springer's grandson, Cody Springer;
- Mindy Suchy's son, Hunter Suchy;
- Eric Wands's friend, Neil Jones; and
- Steve Williams's sons, Nathan and Roman Williams.

For photos, please see page 9. □

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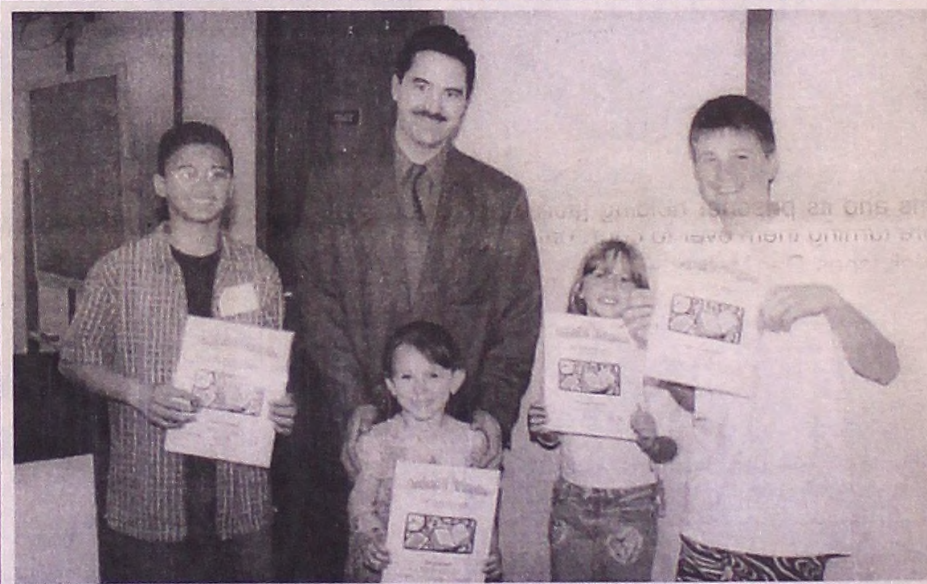
Among those who attended "Bring Your Daughters And Sons To Work Day" at the 34th District Court in Romulus were (from left): front – Alex Greca, Jonathan Carr, Cody Mortzfield, and Elizabeth Lewis; back – Damien Harris, Matthew Carr, Ashley Chapp, Jessica Taylor, and Cory Mortzfield.



Chief Judge Tina Brooks Green (back, left) and Judge Brian A. Oakley (back, right) enjoyed a canine police demonstration by (from left) Romulus officer Don Leonard (with "Smokey"), Van Buren officers Ken Toney (with "Harley"), Mike Eggleton (with "Major"), Diane Shoenbach (with "Judge"), and Terry Shoenbach (with "Jury"), and Romulus officer Darrin Wright (with "Bandit").



Jeffrey Martin got a kick out of sitting on Van Buren police officer Mark Buxton's motorcycle as his mom, court clerk Kim Martin, looked on.



(Front, from left) Alex Greca, Te'a Greca, Rachel Rohn, and Alex DeBacker showed off certificates of participation to Judge Brian A. Oakley (back).



Hunter Suchy donned a judicial robe and banged his gavel with real authority, giving Judge Brian A. Oakley and Cory Springer a good laugh.



Romulus Fire Department firefighters Dan Perron (left) and Scott Ladach were on hand to demonstrate firefighting equipment and answer questions.

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1=Thurs., May 29; 2=Fri., May 30; 3=Sat., May 31; 4=Sun., June 1

### Downtown Romulus Area

36908 Chase (1, 2, 3)  
36855 Ferndale (1, 2, 3, 4)  
36861 Goddard (1, 2, 3, 4)  
11320 Grover (1, 2, 3, 4)  
36898 Mario Ann Ct. (2, 3, 4)  
11298 Moore (1, 2, 3, 4)  
37200 Neville (1, 2, 3, 4)  
37056 Porter (1, 2, 3, 4)  
37065 Porter (1, 2, 3, 4)  
36709 Romulus (1, 2, 3)  
11340 St. Aloysius (2, 3)  
11353 St. Aloysius (2, 3, 4)  
12121 Sharon (1, 2, 3, 4)  
11440 Whitehorn (3, 4)

### Hannan Road to Wayne Road/ North of I-94 Area

36012 Beverly (2, 3, 4)  
39140 Chase (1, 2, 3, 4)  
7901 Cogswell (2, 3)  
39145 Ecorse (1, 2, 3, 4)  
7963 Fallow Ct. (2, 3)  
36620 Herman (2, 3)  
37008 Herman (3, 4)  
37034 Herman (1, 2, 3, 4)  
37240 Herman (1, 2, 3, 4)  
36812 Menton (3, 4)  
37220 Menton (3, 4)  
35620 Smith (1, 2, 3, 4)  
35789 Smith (1, 2, 3, 4)  
10214 Sterling (1, 2, 3, 4)  
9320 Tobine (1, 2, 3, 4)  
38333 Tyler (2, 3)  
8491 Whitehorn (1, 2, 3, 4)  
9004 Whitehorn (1, 2, 3, 4)

### Wayne Road to Inkster Road/ North of I-94 Area

32195 Bruce (2, 3, 4)  
6015 Chamberlain (1, 2, 3, 4)  
6351 Chamberlain (1, 2, 3, 4)  
6029 Colorado (3, 4)  
28720 Ecorse (3, 4)  
31675 Ecorse (1, 2, 3, 4)  
6086 Edmund (3, 4)  
5838 Essex (2, 3, 4)  
6328 Loraine (1, 2, 3)  
6038 Washington (1, 2, 3, 4)  
6609 Washington (2, 3, 4)  
6889 Wayne (1, 2, 3, 4)  
7423 Wayne (1, 2, 3, 4)  
7435 Wayne (1, 2, 3)

### Wayne Road/McDonald's Area

9441 Chamberlain (3, 4)  
9672 Essex (1, 2, 3)  
34979 Julie (1, 2, 3)  
9341 Lisa (3, 4)  
9353 Lisa (3)  
9413 Lisa (1, 2, 3, 4)  
34345 Lynn (2, 3, 4)  
9749 Marc (1, 2, 3, 4)  
34019 McBride (1, 2, 3, 4)  
34808 Stewart (1, 2)  
9274 Washington (1, 2, 3, 4)  
34581 Wick (1, 2, 3)

### Huron Estates Subdivision/ Mt. Pleasant/Barth School Area

37670 Barth (2, 3)  
37613 Castle (1, 2, 3)  
37636 Castle (1, 2, 3)  
38116 Castle (2, 3, 4)  
38235 Castle (2, 3)  
14436 Cogswell (2, 3)  
16205 Hannan (unknown)  
14125 Huron River Dr. (1, 2, 3, 4)  
14825 Huron River Dr. (1, 2, 3)  
38447 Wabash (1, 2, 3, 4)  
38512 Wade (2, 3, 4)  
38636 Wade (1, 2, 3, 4)  
38162 Walnut (2, 3)  
37811 Westvale (1, 2, 3)  
37814 Westvale (2, 3, 4)

### Halecreek Subdivision Area

28448 Cherry (1, 2, 3, 4)  
15721 Harrison (1, 2, 3, 4)  
15430 Inkster (3, 4)  
15603 Larkdale Ct. (1, 2, 3, 4)  
28737 Leroy (1, 2, 3, 4)  
28046 Leroy (1, 2, 3, 4)  
28754 Pennsylvania (1, 2, 3, 4)  
15873 Ridgebrook Path (2, 3, 4)  
15760 Springhill (2, 3)  
15668 Woodmont (1, 2, 3, 4)

### Oakbrook Subdivision Area

15534 Brandt (3, 4)  
15433 Colbert (1, 2, 3, 4)  
15555 Colbert (1, 2, 3, 4)  
30729 Halecreek (1, 2, 3, 4)  
30523 Leroy (3, 4)  
15818 Sandburg (1, 2, 3, 4)  
30235 Spain Ct. (3)  
15759 Taft (3, 4)  
15818 Taft (1, 2, 3, 4)

## Family Fitness Night at Barth



Sheila Stasak (left), coordinator of Barth Elementary's recent Family Fitness Night, watched as Sebastian Arzadon climbed this rope apparatus. Ninth-grader Kristine Plank waited her turn.



Both daughter Chantal and mother Lisa Roberts managed to get all the way to the top of the rope.



Deborah Street (left), third-grade teacher at Barth, helped one of her students, Rosie Lovelady, master the chin bar.

## RHS Hosts Sexual Awareness Program



Amy Youngquist (center) of First Steps chaired a session on date drugs at Romulus High School's recent symposium on adolescent sexual awareness. Among the strategies she discussed with students like (from left) Emmett Jackson, Malerie Darden, Miranda Ward, and Michael Hudson was having a trusted friend watch your refreshments at all times.

## Hopgood Talks with Adult Ed Students



Hoon-Yung Hopgood (second from right), State Representative for the 22nd District of Romulus and Taylor, talked about current education issues with Romulus/Van Buren Adult Education director Sharman Spieser (second from left), teacher Rob Geyer-Sylvia (right), and Adult Ed students Ebony Huguley (left) and Richard Littler.

## Halecreek School Puts on Talent Show



Among those who participated in Halecreek Elementary School's recent talent show were: (from left) front – Amber Davidson (who sang "My Heart Will Go On"), Sarah Orr and Stephanie Anderson (who danced to "It's a Girl Thing"), Selena Masters (who sang "God Bless America"), and Laura Terrell (who sang "Can You Feel the Love Tonight?"); back – Olivia Boler, Melissa Clark, and James McGlynn (who danced to "Sk8er Boy"), Rashae Pree and Brittany Charleston (who danced to "We Need a Resolution"), and Arianna Diebell (who sang "Shout to the Lord").

## ROMULUS COMMUNITY SCHOOLS

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### REGULAR MEETING, APRIL 28, 2003

The Regular Meeting of the Romulus Board of Education held on Monday, April 28, 2003, was called to order by Acting President Betty M. Lenossi at 6:30 p.m.

Roll call showed Board members Lenossi, Cheryle Buckley, Michael Woods, Celeste Roscoe, Kenneth Mientkiewicz, and Niema White present. Board member April Frayer was excused. All administrators were present.

Acting President Lenossi led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

4/03/11 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Buckley to approve the Agenda as amended to delete Executive Session. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:

4/03/12 Moved by White supported by Roscoe to approve the Minutes of April 14, 2003, as presented. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

#### REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT:

##### Personnel Actions

Mr. Edward Clark, Director of Human Resources, offered the following personnel actions for Board approval.

EMPLOYMENT – FYI: Diane Fritz, Meal Packer, High School, effective April 30, 2003; and Dorothy Kitchen, Meal Packer, High School, effective April 30, 2003.

##### Bills for Payment

4/03/13 Moved by Buckley supported by White to approve the Bills for Payment as presented by Mr. William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Construction Closeout – Barton Malow

4/03/14 Moved by Mientkiewicz supported by Roscoe to accept the Barton Malow Construction Manager's Bond Summary Report. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Counseling Department Presentation

Ms. Mae Jackson, Mr. Jim Orme, Ms. Christine Julvezan, Mr. Arvern Logan, and Mr. Melvin Kimbrough presented the Board of Education with an overview of the Counseling Department at the Middle School and High School, their goals and objectives, and the Romulus Community Schools Comprehensive Guidance and Counseling Program.

##### Budget Updates

4/03/15 Moved by Woods supported by Buckley that the Board of Education adopt the Vocational Education, Debt Retirement, Capital Projects, and School Service budgets as presented by Mr. William Routhier, Director of Business and Operations. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

##### Communications and Expressions from the Public

There were no communications from the public.

##### Items of Interest from the Superintendent

Mr. Joel R. Carr, Superintendent, shared the following items of interest with members of the Board of Education: 1) Meet 'n' Eat – Thank You – Debbie Juriga, and 2) Barth Elementary Newsletter.

##### Questions and/or Concerns of Board Members

Mrs. Niema White discussed the multicultural fair at Romulus Elementary School, the different countries represented, and the fantastic array of foods. Mr. Michael Woods asked about the landscaping at buildings throughout the district. Mrs. Cheryle Buckley suggested that it would be nice for people to view several senior student projects each school year. She also asked about the pole vault pit for the track at the Middle School. Mrs. Celeste Roscoe congratulated Mrs. Carole Bales, Executive Secretary to Superintendent Joel R. Carr, for being selected as one of the finalists for the "Women Who Make Magic" award sponsored by Detroit radio station FM 105.1.

##### ADJOURNMENT:

4/03/16 Moved by Roscoe supported by Buckley that the meeting be adjourned. Ayes: 6. Nays: 0. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
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- **Families with Preschoolers Invited to Springfest** – Romulus Community Schools is inviting all district-area families with preschool-age children to attend its Springfest program at the Burton Center (located at 35408 Beverly Road) on Tuesday, May 20, at 9 a.m. The event – which will feature a craft project for children, a parent/child photo op, a video, and snacks, among other attractions – will give families an opportunity to check out the quality child-care and developmental programs provided by the district. Participants will also receive some great tips about helping youngsters prepare for success in school. For more information, call Kathy at 734-532-1940.
- **Healthy Living Advisory Committee Meets** – The next meeting of the Romulus Healthy Living Advisory Committee will be held at Romulus High School on Wednesday, May 28, beginning at 7 p.m. The public is welcome.
- **Rummage Sale at St. Aloysius** – St. Aloysius Catholic School (located at 37200 Neville) will be taking part in the annual city-wide rummage sale on Thursday and Friday, May 29–30, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and on Saturday, May 31, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Donations of all items *except clothing* are welcome. Just drop them off at the pole barn any weekday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Baked goods may be dropped off the day of the sale or brought to the school on May 28. Proceeds will go to the Support Our School campaign.
- **"Legacy Five" in Concert** – Bethany Bible Church presents one of the nation's top singing groups, Legacy Five, in concert at the Romulus High School auditorium (located on Wayne Road just north of I-94) on Saturday, May 31, at 7 p.m. For information about tickets (\$10 in advance; \$12 at the door), call 734-697-7456.
- **Kentuckians of Michigan To Host Country Dance** – The Kentuckians of Michigan will host their next Country Dance – featuring live entertainment provided by the Kentucky Bluebirds – at Liberty Park (located at 28391 Bredow Road in Romulus) on Saturday, May 31. A buffet meal will be served from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Beer and setups included. No one under age 21 will be admitted. Admission is \$15 per person. Call 734-782-0132 for information.
- **Girls Basketball Camp** – Rhonda McAllister, girls' varsity basketball coach at Romulus High School, is conducting a basketball camp for girls in grades 3–9 at the school (located on Wayne Road just north of I-94) from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday, June 16, through Thursday, June 19. Cost is \$40 through May 30; \$45 thereafter. For more information, call 734-532-1008.
- **Open Swimming** – Now through June 13, open swimming will be offered at Romulus High School's new pool complex (located at 9650 South Wayne Road, just north of I-94) according to the following schedule: **All Ages** (Mondays and Wednesdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m.; Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 to 5:30 p.m.), **Adults/Seniors (age 60+) Only** (Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6 to 8:30 p.m.), and **Family Swimming** (Fridays from 6 to 8:30 p.m.). To participate, all swimmers *must* preregister at the Romulus Adult and Community Education Office, located at 39000 Superior. Children under the age of 13 *must* be accompanied by an adult. Proper swimming attire is required (no unlined suits, cutoffs, etc.). Cost for residents is \$3 per session (\$2 for senior citizens) or \$60 for an all-year pass (\$40 for senior citizens). Family passes – a real bargain! – are available to Romulus residents for just \$100 per year. For more information, call 734-532-1956.

To place information in our next issue's Community Calendar, mail it to "the little paper" at P.O. Box 74038, Romulus, MI 48174-0038; FAX it to us at 734-992-2052; or call 734-941-1907

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## Recreation News

Our thanks to Herbert Buckley, director of the City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, and Kristin Irwin, recreation program coordinator, for supplying information for the "Recreation News" column.

Unless otherwise noted, registration for the following programs should be made at the Romulus Recreation Center (36515 Bibbins) during its regular hours (weekdays, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.). For more information, stop in at the Center or call 734-942-6852.

### "School's Out" Shoot-out

The Romulus Recreation Department invites local youths age 9 to 18 to sign up for the "School's Out" Basketball Shoot-out, to be held in Romulus High School's gym on Friday, June 13, and Saturday, June 14. Teams will be divided among 5 age brackets: 9 to 10, 11 to 12, 13 to 14, 15 to 16, and 17 to 18. Each team is guaranteed at least 2 games.

Cost of the program (\$100 per team) must be paid in full before the registration deadline of 5 p.m. Friday, May 30. No late entries will be accepted!

### Archery Classes

Local youths ages 9 to 18 are encouraged to sign up for the Recreation Department's archery class, to be held at the Elmer Johnson Park archery range each Thursday from June 26 to August 21 according to the following schedule:

- beginning: 6 to 7:30 p.m.
- advanced: 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Parents should note that an eye-dominance evaluation will be administered on registration day. This is important because the results will determine what type of equipment is ordered.

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A \$50 class cost includes equipment. Participants *must* attend the registration program – to be held at the Recreation Center from 6 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 28 – to be included on the class list.

### Tae Kwon Do

The Recreation Department's tae kwon do program can help participants learn values such as self-discipline, self-respect, and respect for others as they acquire self-defense skills and strengthen their minds and bodies. The twice-weekly classes will be held at Romulus High School every Tuesday and Thursday from May 27 through July 17 according to the following schedule:

- ages 4 to 7: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- ages 8 to adult: 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The cost of the program is \$45 for one student, \$75 for two immediate-family members, or \$90 for three immediate-family members. Preregister by Friday, May 23.

### Youth/Adult Tennis

Students involved in the Recreation Department's summer tennis program will be introduced to the basics of tennis and how to work in a team environment. Classes will be held at Romulus High School between June 30 and August 7 according to the following schedule:

- grades K–3: Mondays/Wednesdays, 6 to 7:30 p.m.
- grades 4–6: Tuesdays/Thursdays, 6 to 7:30 p.m.
- middle school/high school: Mondays/Wednesdays, 7:30 to 9 p.m.
- adults: Tuesdays/Thursdays, 7:30 to 9 p.m.

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## Sassy Seniors

By Mary E. Clark

Special thanks to Linda Norman, Senior Citizens Program Coordinator for the City of Romulus Department of Parks and Recreation, for contributing information to the "Sassy Seniors" column. (For more information about events at the Romulus Senior Center, located at 36515 Bibbins, call the Center's new telephone number: 734-955-4120.)

### Just a Reminder ...

The Romulus Senior Center will be closed on Monday, May 26, in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

### New Club Seeks To Build Membership

The new Romulus Senior Social Club meets at 2 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. (Next meeting: June 10.) Members are already planning a number of special trips and activities. Dues are \$5 yearly. New faces are welcome!

### Volunteers Wanted

Romulus resident Ericka Hammons – owner/operator of Giggles, a small day-care center for children – is looking for a few senior-citizen volunteers who would like to read/tell stories to the children, help them with creative activities, etc. For more information, contact the Center.

### Movie Time

Relax and take in a movie (to be announced) with old and new friends at the Romulus Senior Center on Thursday, May 29, at 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

### Weekly Programs

Besides the many special activities offered at the Romulus Senior Center, a number of regularly scheduled free or low-cost programs are also open to local senior citizens. They include:

- ceramics (Mondays, 1 and 6 p.m.),
- Club #1 (Tuesdays, 11 a.m.),
- bunco (Tuesdays, 1 p.m.),
- bingo (Wednesdays, 1 p.m.),
- "fun night" (Wednesdays, 5 p.m.),
- pinochle (Thursdays, 12:30 p.m.),
- quilting (Thursdays, 7 p.m.).

### Shopping

Romulus senior citizens are invited to ride the Center's van at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, May 19, to shop at Kmart. Cost of transportation is just \$1.50 per person. Sign up at the Center to reserve your seat.

### Special Trips

Seniors interested in more information about these or other special trips that have been planned by the Romulus Senior Center should call Linda Norman.

- **Shipshewana**  
(June 3; \$55);

- **Kalloway's**  
(June 4; \$54);
- **Windsor Racetrack Slots**  
(June 10; \$5);
- **Detroit Maritime (Diamond Jack)**  
(June 19; \$58);
- **Dixieland Revue**  
(July 30; \$299);
- **Motor City Casino**  
(July 31; \$12);
- **Motor City Casino/Diamond Jack**  
(August 5; \$36);
- **Titanic (exhibit, lmax, lunch, more)**  
(August 21; \$63);
- **Mackinac Island/Bridge Walk**  
(August 31–September 2; \$269); and
- **Arizona Tour**  
(November 1–17; \$999).

Note: Deposits – due at the time of sign-up – reserve your seat. For day trips, full payment is due at least two weeks before departure. For overnight trips, full payment is due a minimum of 30 days before departure.

### TeleCare Program Available

The Romulus Senior Center's TeleCare program provides seniors with daily phone reassurance at no cost. To learn more, call the Center's friendly staff.

### Haircuts

The Romulus Senior Center's next haircut date is set for Monday, May 19, beginning at 9 a.m. If you would like to take advantage of this affordable (\$5) program, call the Center to make an appointment. Note: Haircut clients are asked to wash their hair before coming to their appointment, as the Center does not have the necessary facilities.

### Walk for Fun and Exercise

For safe, indoor walking at your own pace, ride the Romulus Senior Center's van to the Wayne County Community College campus on Haggerty Road on the following dates: May 20, May 22, May 27, and May 29. All departure times are 2:30 p.m.

Note: The Romulus Senior Center strongly recommends that seniors consult a physician before beginning any new exercise program.

### Liquid Nutrition, Commodities, and Focus Hope

The Romulus Senior Center's distribution dates for Commodities/Focus Hope and Liquid Nutrition are the third Thursday of the month and the second Wednesday of the month, respectively. To find out if you qualify, call the Center.

### Hot Lunches

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# Obituaries

## Talbert N. Ward

Talbert N. Ward of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Tuesday, April 29, 2003. He was 74 years old.

Born on Tuesday, September 4, 1928, the native of Creston, Tennessee, was a U.S. Army veteran and a Cadillac Motor Car Company retiree. He enjoyed camping "Up North" and collecting various items that he had received from his family as gifts.

Surviving Talbert are his wife, Lois (Cox) Ward; 4 sons, Norman Lee (Annette) Ward (Taylor, MI), Kenneth (Jane) Ward (Dearborn Heights, MI), William

(Josie) Ward (Wayne, MI), and Joseph (Renee) Ward (Lincoln Park, MI); a daughter, Nancy (Alex) Longordo (Van Buren Township, MI); 3 brothers, Benjamin Dexter (Pat) Ward, Lonnie Ward, and Duke Ward; 2 sisters, Trusty Ward and Fairy Ward; 8 grandchildren; and 4 great-grandchildren. Among those predeceasing him were his parents, James and Rida Ward.

A funeral service was held Saturday, May 3, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Kenneth Ward officiating. Burial was at Romulus Memorial Cemetery.

## Ernest L. Welch

Ernest L. Welch of Romulus, Michigan, passed away on Wednesday, May 7, 2003, at the age of 77.

Born in Madison, West Virginia, on Monday, June 22, 1925, the U.S. Navy veteran was a talented guitar and banjo player who enjoyed singing and performing bluegrass music.

Ernest is survived by his wife of 60 years, Hester (Hager) Welch; a son, Eugene Welch (Romulus); 2 daughters, Lucille (Glen) Hensley (Cookeville, TN)

and Rosalie (Dave) Hays (Tecumseh, MI); 12 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren. Among those who predeceased him were his parents, Fletcher and Ida (King) Welch; a daughter, Nancy Welch; and a son, David Welch.

A funeral service was held Monday, May 12, at Crane Funeral Home (Romulus), with Reverend Marvin Hawbaker (Calvary Baptist Church, Romulus) officiating. Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park (Flat Rock). □



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